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TRANSFER OF INDIA ON DOMINION STATUS

MYSTERIOUS DEATHS Scotland Yard Investigating

Southport, June 2.
Dr James Montague Houston, who last week performed a post-mortem into the mysterious death of a colleague's fourth wife, died just as mysteriously himself today while Scotland Yard's chemical analysts were seeking to determine:

1. The cause of the death of Dr Robert George Clements' wealthy fourth wife on May 27.
2. The cause of the death of Dr Clements himself on May 30 after he told his son, "I am a little worried" and after writing a six-line note which the police have not revealed.

Clements died after the Southport coroner stopped the inquest on his wife's death and ordered Dr Houston to examine her body. Houston was found dead today in his Southport infirmary and the police refused any details pending the inquest tomorrow.

The vital organs of both Mrs Clements and her 67-year-old husband were sent to laboratories in London for checking and the inquests into their deaths were postponed pending examination.

"VERY FUSSY"

Clements, his first three wives and Houston were all natives of Ireland. His fourth wife, 47-year-old Amy Victoria Clements, was the daughter of a Liverpool businessman, Reginald Barnett, who left her £22,380 when he died in 1939.

Clements, whom a witness described as "very fussy" in his examination of women patients, signed the death certificates for his first two wives—Edith Anna Mercer, who died in 1920, and Mary McGee, who died in 1927 and who was the mother of his son. His third wife, Kathleen Burch, died in 1939.

Houston, who was 39, married and the father of two children, had completed the examination of Mrs Clements before his death. Southport Criminal Investigation officers said they could not comment on his death until an inquest had been held.—United Press.

Attlee Not Going To America

London, June 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, is not going to the United States. The report broadcast in the United States to the effect yesterday finds no confirmation in any official quarters.

Flood Relief Fund

The following donations were received yesterday: Hongkong Sea Products and Grocers' Association, \$35; Hongkong United Trading Company, \$100.

EDITORIAL

Generosity of the Heart

REAL generosity is not a product of calculated thinking. It comes from the heart. By this token Hongkong made its response to the appeal for the relief of British flood victims the most spontaneous demonstration of personal feeling yet known in the history of the world. The Hongkong Flood Relief Fund is now fairly well known. It started with a donation—and a suggestion—by a Chinese citizen. From a \$200 beginning, the fund rose within two months until its closing date, to \$23,000, or more than £18,000 sterling. This is to be added to the Lord Mayor of London's original fund which, eventually will amount to more than a million pounds, because, like Hongkong, other parts of the Empire have voluntarily come forward to pay willing tribute to the harassed and uncomplaining people of Britain. Contributions to the Hongkong Flood Relief

British Government Ready To Enact Legislation, Report

New Delhi, June 2.

It was learned here today that the British Government is proposing to introduce legislation in the current session of Parliament, providing for the transfer of power to Indians this year on the basis of Dominion status for the one or two successor authorities.

It was further learned that the attainment of Dominion status would be without prejudice to the right of the Indian Constituent Assembly to decide in due course whether the part of India in respect to which they have authority will remain in the British Commonwealth or not.

The vital departure in the British Government's latest plan is that while in the State paper of May 16, last year they declared that power could not be handed over to two entire separate sovereign states, the present plan envisages a division of India.

It is not the British Government's desire to interrupt the work of the existing Constituent Assembly but to facilitate the creation of another Constituent Assembly for such areas as are not represented in the present body. When this is done, it will be possible to determine the authority or authorities to whom power will be transferred. It is expected by August, India will be a full-fledged dominion.

A referendum will be taken in the Northwest Frontier Province. Similarly the people of Sylhet in Assam will be given the opportunity to decide whether they want to be in Hindustan or Pakistan.

There is no reference to the word "Pakistan" in the British plan to be announced tomorrow. The setting up of Pakistan, separate Moslem state of India, was assumed as strongly by political circles after today's conference of Indian leaders with the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, that speculation is already centred on either Lahore or Karachi as the capital.

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The British Foreign Office has not decided whether to take any action on the Hungarian crisis. An official Russian communication on latest developments was awaited.

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The bulk of the Peasant deputies, who had supported the arrested Secretary General of the Party, Bela Kovacs and Nagy, were now condemned to political inactivity and forced to accept the lead of people whom they considered outsiders.

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by June, 1948 at the latest. Clearly the possibility of the withdrawal taking place earlier depends entirely upon the speed with which the arrangements go forward from this moment.

Patently it is the British Government's wish to see emerge at the earliest moment successor authorities having the democratic support of India's elected representatives in the provinces to whom she can hand over her responsibilities and keep her "quit India" pledge.

But the Indians by their capacity to reach an agreement—even if it is an "agreement to disagree"—continue to be the arbiters of any

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STOP PRESS

LATEST DETAILS
OF INDIA PLAN

New Delhi, June 2.
Highlights of the British plan for India are:

1. Immediate measures for partition, including the partition of the disputed provinces of the Punjab and Bengal.
2. No change in the interim government until partition is effected, when two separate governments are to be set up, with full powers on all subjects.
3. Each provincial legislature to vote on the issue of the partition of India.
4. Provision for the joint working of defence, communications and external affairs until the two Constituent Assemblies—Hindustan and Pakistan—are in a position to come to a final decision.
5. A referendum in the Northwest Frontier Province to decide which of the two Constituent Assemblies the Pathans wish to join.
6. The Sylhet district of Assam to continue as at present until the position in Bengal is clear, when there will be a referendum to decide whether it should belong to Bengal or Assam.
7. The Indian States, after the lapse of paramountcy (sovereignty of the British Crown), not to be able to enter into military or any other fresh treaties with Britain, and the British Government, to use its influence to persuade the States to join one or the other of the two dominions.

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Thrice Bankrupt Duke Leaves £257 Estate

London, June 3.

William Angus Drogo Montagu, Britain's happy-go-lucky duke who owned three castles and was three times a bankrupt, left an estate of £257-10 the publication of his will disclosed yesterday.

Montagu, the ninth Duke of Manchester, died last February. He had been a soldier, author, financier, gold prospector, journalist and an actor. Friends said he could have succeeded at any of them if he hadn't been a duke.

The will, executed in New York, made bequests to his son Alexander, his daughter Mary and to his widow Kathleen, Duchess of Manchester.

The Duke's first wife was Helena Zimmerman, daughter of the late Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati. She obtained a divorce in 1931.—Associated Press.

Parisians Queue For Bread In Tropic Heat

Paris, June 2.

Hundreds of thousands of grumbling, ill-tempered Parisian housewives stood in tropical heat for hours today to get the five ounces of bread they have been reduced to by the bakers' strike. In some populous quarters, many went breadless.

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Another report to the Council said there was no hope of any marked increase of production in France.

This report said the formula for production bonuses "would risk devalorizing nominal salaries very rapidly, as there would be no corresponding increase in production."

One bright spot in the situation, was the announcement by the Federation of small businesses and store-keepers that they would not strike as planned on Wednesday.

Their requests for increased economic liberty and less Government control were being studied by the Government.—United Press.

London Swelters

Four Records Broken

London, June 2.

This was the hottest day in English June for almost 100 years, with the temperature hitting 90 in the shade and breaking four records—one of which had stood since weather records were first kept in 1856.

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Yorkshire's Second County Cricket Defeat Of The Season

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A grand innings of 154 by Denis Compton, who was helped by Bill Edrich in a third wicket stand of 119 and by his brother, Leslie Compton, in a sixth wicket partnership of 103, saved Middlesex against the South Africans at Lords today.

Middlesex surprisingly declared at 310 for eight, leaving themselves 108 runs behind, and the South Africans replied with 62 for one, led by 170 runs.

It was Compton's highest score of the season and his third century, successive innings and his performance was more commendable, as, owing to the illness of his young son, he had a restless night. Compton completed his hundred in three hours and 25 minutes and then attacked fiercely with drives and pulls and scored the last 54 in 55 minutes. He hit 10 fours in a chanceless innings.

Edrich threw hard all round the wicket and hit 11 fours.

In County matches, Peter Hearn, 21-year-old Kent left-hander, added his name to the select number of batsmen to achieve the rare distinction of making a county debut with a century.

Hearn, a former prisoner-of-war who is being demobbed in August, made a splendid 124, using every stroke and hitting 15 fours in three and a half hours against Warwickshire.

Fritchard, Warwick's New Zealand Test bowler, had a grand spell, howling the last five Kent batsmen for 18 runs in 18 balls.

Tom Goddard donned the mantle of Cecil Cook, England's new Test choice, in helping Gloucestershire to their third win of the season. Goddard, with a spell of five for 23, humbled Yorkshire again.

Scores at the close of play today were:
At Lords: South Africans 424 and 62 for one (Edrich 22, Malville not out 30). Middlesex 310 for eight declared (Edrich 67, Denis Compton 154, Leslie Compton 32).

DERBY LATEST RICHARDS TIPS THE WINNER

Hints He Will Ride The Favourite

London, June 2.

The hint that he would ride the favourite, Tudor Minstrel, in the Derby was given by the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, at the Press Club annual luncheon to owners, trainers and jockeys of horses that will run in the Derby on Saturday.

Richards said: "My tip is, I think, Tudor Minstrel will win and my only danger is Blue Train. It starts. If it is hard it would be plain murder to run Blue Train." Richards said that he would not make his decision on his mount until after the final gallop tomorrow, adding: "I hope I shall choose the right one."

Richards said that he had received thousands of letters wishing him luck.

His chief rival jockey on Saturday, Edgar Britt, Australian-born rider, who will mount on the second favourite, Sayajirao, said: "Although I am a bit optimistic I know that I have a big job."

The crack Anglo-French jockey, Charlie Elliott, thought that the French candidates had not much chance, especially when they came up against a horse like Tudor Minstrel.

Tudor Minstrel's owner, Mr John Dewar, stated: "This year I am looking forward with great expectations that my Tudor Minstrel will win the Derby. The only thing that I would like to see in conjunction with this, when we find out what Gordon Richards' idea is, is that Gordon, who has battled on a losing wicket all these years, will this year score one run. Gordon, whatever you ride, good luck to you."

THE KING'S HORSE

Lord Rosbery, senior Steward of the Jockey Club, saying that the Royal Family had been a great supporter of racing for hundreds of years, declared: "There is one horse, apart from all consideration, we would like to see win. I am not in the secrets of the Bookhampton even though it would be a reception to the Derby winner such as we never heard since the days of Minoru. If the King does not win this year, we all hope the day will not be long when we can see our present King leading in the winner of the Derby at Epsom."

Prince Aly Khan thought both Saravali and Mizzel would stay, but that if Tudor Minstrel stayed the day and half neither would have any chance.

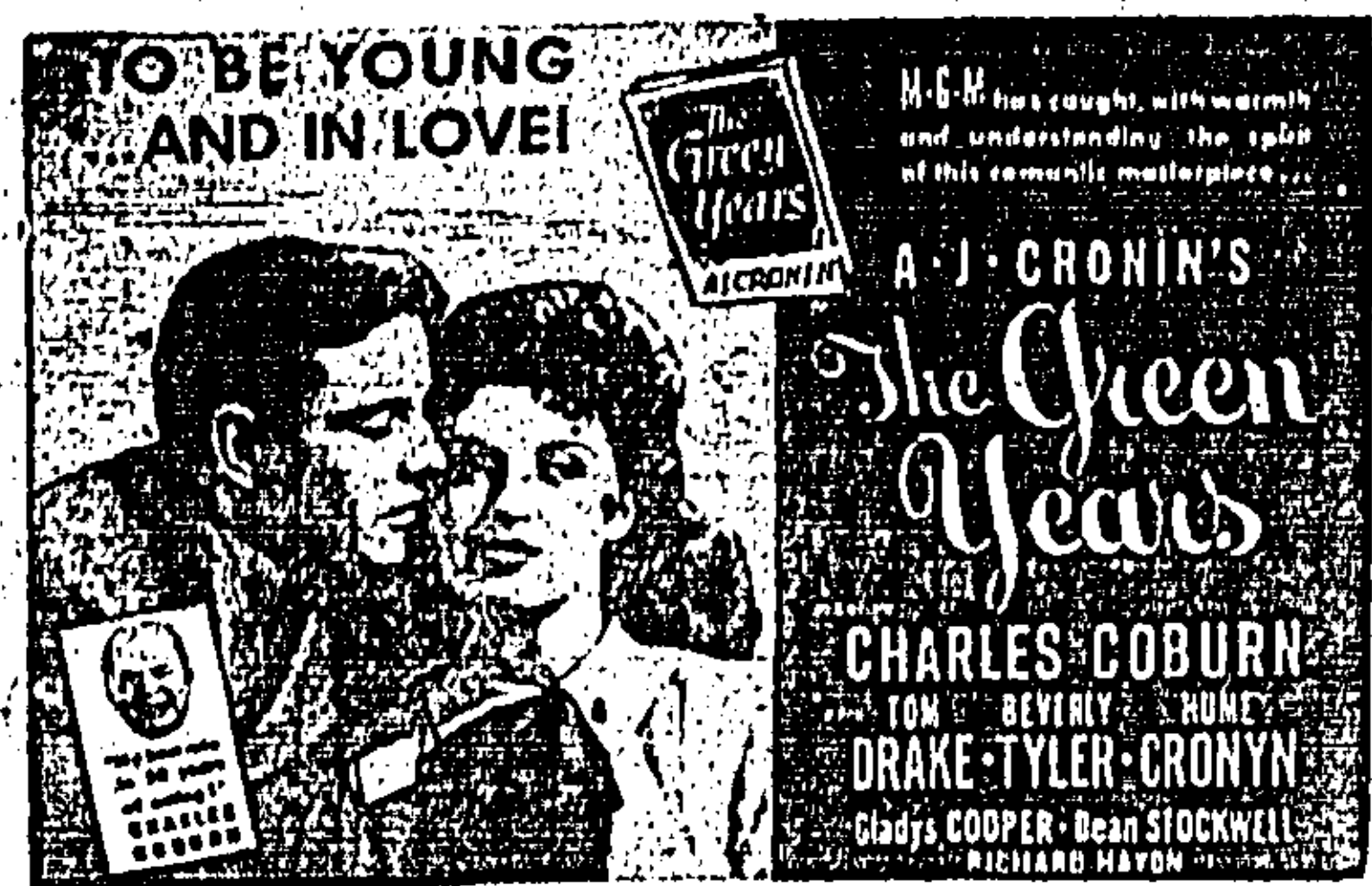
Mr James Rank thought that his Merry Quip would stay, adding: "I hope that people who have a little each way on him will not lose their money."

The luncheon tables were decorated with freshly cut flowers over from Holland. The menu bore the black and white colours of Lord Derby.

THE CALL-OVER

The Victoria Club callover this afternoon was: Evans Tudor Minstrel, 11 to 2; Sayajirao, both taken, and offered, 100 to 7 Grand Wench.—(Continued on Page 4)

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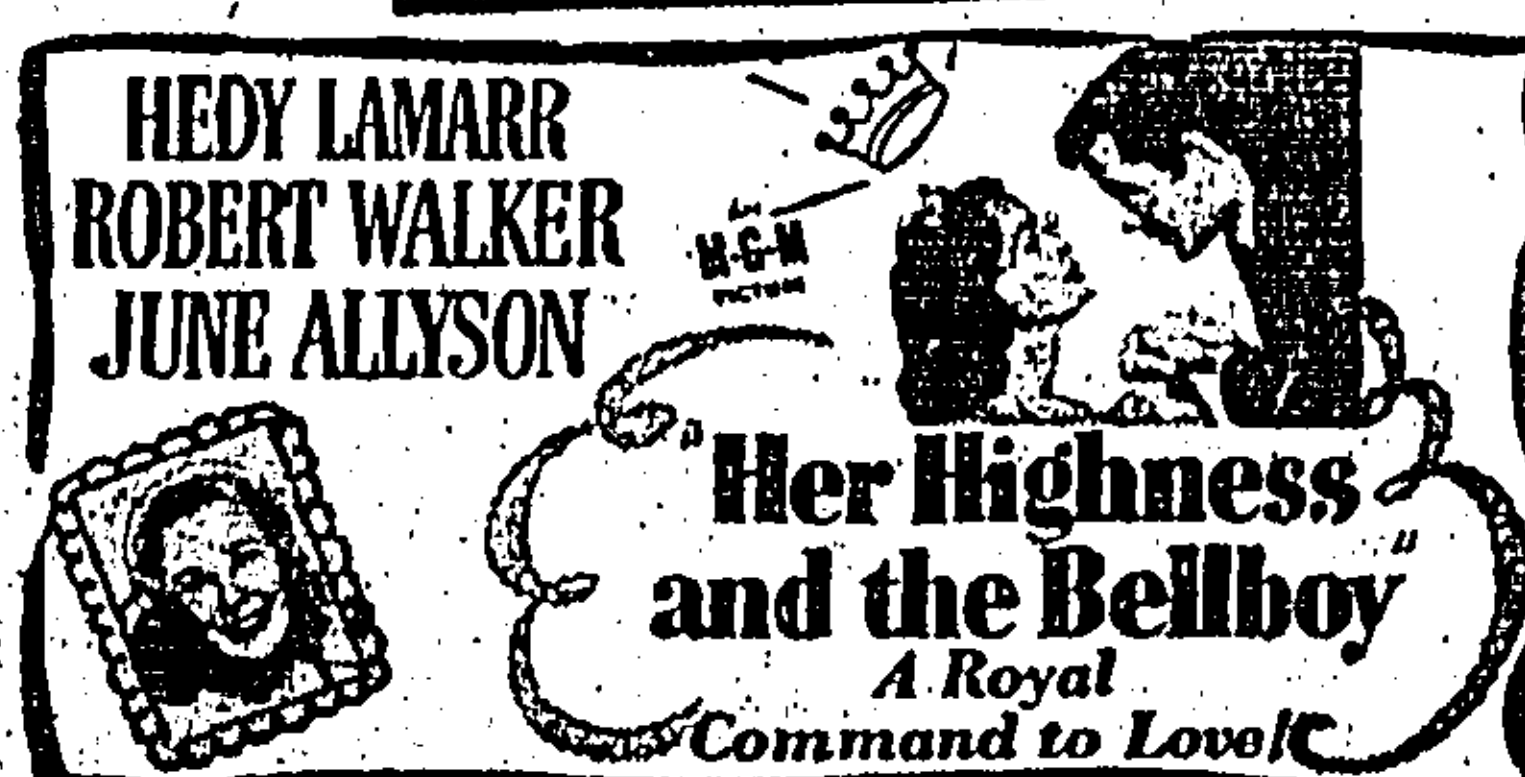
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SOME SENTIMENTAL PEOPLE WANT TO SAVE THIS NAZI, WHO ADMITTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT ROMANS



SHOULD KESSELRING DIE?

By PATRICK DONCASTER

FIELD-MARSHAL KESSELRING, who in the early days of the war gave the world its first lesson in saturation bombing by smashing Rotterdam and Coventry, has been sentenced to death by shooting in Italy as a war criminal.

The crime for which he has been condemned to die was not the bombing of defenceless civilians but the massacre as a reprisal of over 300 Italians in the Ardeatine Caves on the outskirts of Rome on March 23, 1944.

Colonel Hulse, who led the prosecution at Kesselring's trial, described the crime bluntly, but with truth, as "the dirtiest piece of work ever committed by any nation."

Yet a sentimental crusade has been opened by distinguished British soldiers—some of them generals—to save Kesselring from the death penalty on the ground that, taken all in all, he was really a pretty decent fellow.

Now I have been to these caves in which the massacre was committed. They are now a national memorial.

I would like to tell in simple words the story of that shocking crime as a counter to the sentimental crusade.

The Ardeatine Caves are just outside Rome, a rubbish dump across the way from the catacombs of St Callistus, where 16 Poles are buried.

The catacombs are deeper than the caves, and the smell is of the caves still carry the air of massacre. In the catacombs of the Poles I was cold. In the caves I shivered, and my thoughts were bitter.

THE SCENE

Dim electric bulbs, lit the brown sandstone walls, along which lay more than 300 victims of this "dirtiest piece of work" in plain white-wood boxes, adorned with pictures and pitiful relics.

On a wooden table there were human remains; parts of the unidentified, there in the hope that perhaps a dentist might be able to recognise something.

In the caves you find the evidence of Germany's guilt.

CRIME NEWS IN FINE FOCUS—No. 3

THESE MEN DRILL TO GET WHISKY....

By JOHN REDFERN

"KNOCK three times and ask for Charlie" used to be a music-hall catch phrase. Today it is the password for the men who carry the canful of whisky to the eager publican or club proprietor.

Almost every big city in Britain has its counterparts of Charlie. They are the men who, by a thoughtful study of rail time-tables, road maps, and lorry schedules, intercept the legal flow of spirits from the distilleries to the public houses, wine shops and docks.

They are the men who ensure that when you take a nip in a public house these days you never know whether or not you are kissing, as you lift your glass, the end of a chain of crime.

WHISKY BY WHISPER

THE price they charge for their services you can discover at any of Britain's mushroom wine shops, or at the bars where they sell whisky by the whisper or offer a bottle of spirits under cover of a newspaper. The prices range from £3 10s. to £4 15s.

Who pays for this high-price liquor? A principal contributor is the decent, honest distributor with whisky to sell at 25s. 9d., the trade's fixed price. The price he pays is masked in the books as "breakages." Stan could tell you about these "breakages." Stan is not a racketeer. He is a carpenter by trade, and he drinks mild beer, and now smokes only ten cigarettes a day. I met him in London.

He knows very little about Scotch, but he knows that a lot of whisky delivered to the publicans is in smashed containers when it arrives. It has been "nobbled," as Stan's friends put it.

On the way from the warehouse to the public house, dock or wine shop, expert thieves took out the bottles and broke them over a sifter.

Then they were replaced, with the seals intact. Alcohol was put in the case to make it smell as though drenched with spilled whisky. The publican receiving the case sent a report back, and claimed allowance for the lost stuff.

But someone was the better off by 12 bottles of whisky.

Whisky distributors say that the breakages claims from customers are going up and up. They will increase still further since home supplies were halved.

Only a few months in his present job, Stan, aged 26, told his boss he could do a bit of driving. The boss—a builders' merchant—seemed interested.

A LITTLE TRIP

THEN one night when Stan was finishing work, his employer asked if he would mind making "a little trip." Stan agreed. He was told to go on foot to an alley in Westminster. There a vehicle would be waiting. He must take it over and drive it to a public house. Nothing much to handle. Only a few medium-sized cases.

Those cases interested Stan. He didn't have to be much of a carpenter to know they held whisky. At the week-end he found an extra £1 in his pay packet.

That was the first week. The next week he made a few more trips to more wine and spirit retailers. Later his pay packet was increased by 30s.

Behind Stan, and hundreds like him, are sleek characters operating

A mislaid bomb on a church or a school is explained. But how is the massacre of the caves explained? What makes human beings deliberately and callously mow down a boy of 12 years?

Says Kesselring: "I assume entire responsibility... If anyone is to blame in this matter it is I."

I doubt if Kesselring has been to the caves. It is impossible to get in them soon after the tragedy, because the Germans tried to destroy the evidence by mines.

There the victims and the tumbling earth remained until the fall of Rome, for it began just before the Allies entered the Eternal City in 1944.

Thirty-two S.S. men were killed by a bomb in a side street near Rome's Barberini Palace. Out went an order for hostages. The ratio was to be ten for one. Thirty-two Germans—320 hostages.

Rome's Regina Coeli jail is small. There were not enough prisoners in it to make up the number. But there were some. So to the Via Tasso, to the S.S. torture chamber. And the total swelled.

But still not enough.

People were plucked off the streets. In the end the good work resulted in 325 people being rounded up. A little over the stipulated ten for one. But what did five more matter?

Newspaper reports of the Kesselring trial mention 326 victims. At the caves a notice states 325.

On the evening of March 23 they were taken out to the caves. What happened then must be gathered from German evidence. There was a curfew in force; the road is lonely. No Italians could have seen it.

from trim offices in the West End of London. They have big, new cars, and typists who don't have much to type. On their pay-rolls are 20 to 30 men who organise the collection of the whisky with a trail of corruption.

There is, say, Dick X, married, with a family, who drives a lorry. He is approached by one of the men from the West End office, who suggests that it would be worth his while to leave his lorry—containing perhaps £5,000 worth of whisky—unattended for a few minutes. The time and the place are stated.

It may take £100 to lure Mr X from the path of duty. Often the approach is unfruitful. But £100 is £100 tax-free—and that is small money for such a job.

Now comes then a Mr X falls in with the scheme. And when he does the whisky disappears from the unattended lorry like snow in summer's heat.

MORE BREAKAGES

TRUCKS in railway sidings, too, have been pilfered. Whisky delivered in stone jars has been tapped by holes drilled through the bottom, then the jar, in its protective basket-work, dropped on to the ground. More breakages, no traces.

In the shops where whisky is sold at high prices they say that the stuff comes from auctions. But there are not enough auctions nowadays to supply one tithe of the black market.

Sale of individual stocks has been restricted for more than a year. The only auctions now are trade sales for blenders.

In the public houses where the whisky flows like beer it is a safe bet that some of it has been stolen somewhere on the way.

For your 2s. a nip you have a draught of fraud and corruption.

France is building an army—for 1960

By MICHAEL WILSON

Paris, May 20. MR. BELLENGER, has come to France to get first-hand information about the French Army. He wants to know just what aid France could bring to the Anglo-French military alliance—how many men, how much material.

He will learn that France's military power today is at its lowest ebb since the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo. When the Germans smashed France's armies of five and a half million men in 1940, they dislocated her entire military framework.

If war came to Europe to-morrow, France could be of almost no military help.

Fresh start

The French Army today totals approximately 400,000 men, but it is a new-born baby, just learning to crawl. More than 100,000 of these troops are busy quelling the Viet-Nam revolt in Indo-China. Twenty-five thousand more are in Madagascar fighting an uprising.

In the rear of this front-line strength is a complete lack of all industrial machinery for the manufacture of war material.

The French Army today is completely equipped from under-clothes to tanks, with British and American material. It was handed over on a lease-lend basis at the end of the war, or purchased from surplus Anglo-American stocks. Whole camps were transferred.

The French General Staff is under no illusions. General de Lattre de Tassigny, generalissimo of the new-born armies, will probably tell Mr. Belenger bluntly that France is rebuilding her military machine on the basis of "no war within 15 years."

It will say that France cannot fight a war before that period, and cannot be relied upon for any help until 1960, at the earliest.

In 15 Years

Half the present-day French Army is an elite force of regulars highly trained as paratroopers, commandos and tankmen. The other half are conscripts doing a year's military service.

The French Government has announced that it intends to keep the strength of the army below 500,000 men for the moment, but the General Staff considers that in 15 years France will have three million men trained, and the material stored in North Africa to equip an army of this size.

Will then, Mr. Belenger, the Anglo-French alliance be not very military.

BY THE WAY, by Beachcomber

A HITCH has occurred during a large-scale trial of the Strabismus No-Way Traffic Plan. Nobody seems to know what is meant by the words "In the opposite direction." Which direction is the opposite one, and opposite to which? "Traffic going in any direction may claim that it is going in the opposite direction in relation to traffic going the other way." These words of a law official put the matter in a sinister light. Of two lines of traffic one travelling from north to south and the other from south to north, which is going in the opposite direction? The schedule (B.A.S./H.A.) will have to be carefully reworded.

The leader page hippopotamus has trodden in Professor Chapman Pincher's ink and patted stealthily across this column on tip-toe going in the opposite direction.

Whither, octopus?

THOSE scientists who, for want of something worse to do, are about to test the intelligence of the octopus in the aquarium at Naples have, I fear, not seen my account (published in "Zoological Bills" for

November 1934) of how I read Homer's "Iliad" to the octopus in the Basle Zoo. When I came to the passage in the nineteenth book where Xanthus, the horse of Achilles, speaks a few unkind words (by permission of Juno), the octopus shouted, "What rot! Horace can't talk!" A very good test of intelligence is to induce an octopus to play the bagpipes, and then to see if he can tell which is playing which.

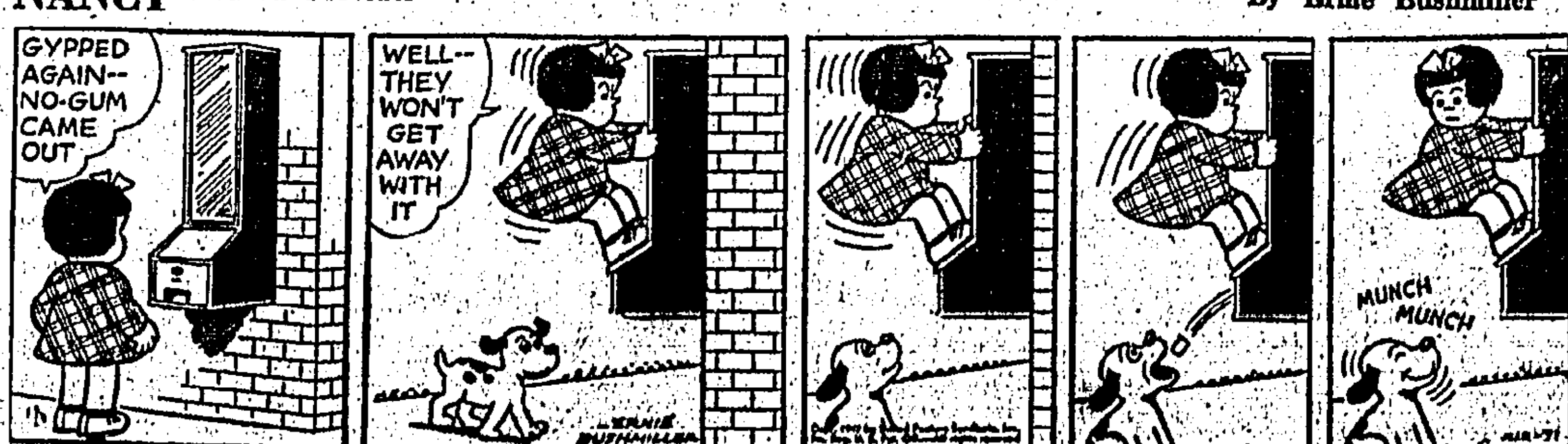
Pursuant to the above

AS for putting an octopus in a wooden maze, to find its way out by trial and error, a better test is to sit it down at a typewriter and see how long it takes to tap out Spenser's "Fairy Queen," using alternate tentacles. The centipede which is the most intelligent trigonometry in existence, when told to put its best foot forward, hesitates for many years. Give it a hundred little boots, and watch to see whether it will pull them all on, at once or make a careful selection.

The old lady, says No

My oldest hen has been broody for five weeks. (Correspondence column.) There the mater roosts at present.

NANCY Good Provider



By Ernie Bushmiller

When You Feel Tired and Restless take Elliotts Nerve and Brain Tonic On Sale at All Dispensaries

Women

BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Certain foods cause rashes. If you are allergic to them, eliminate them from your diet.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—Do you think that the longer skirts are flattering?—MILDRED."

Not always. The average woman looks best in the shorter skirt but 14 or 14½ inches from the floor is new and becoming. Cocktail and afternoon dresses are 8 inches from the floor. If draped with down-in-back effect you will like them. But get busy and lengthen those skirts which are 18 inches from the floor. If you don't you are going to look out of fashion and out of step with new ideas. And do remember that those flat-heeled shoes are not good with the longer skirts.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My skin isn't very oily but the pores are so coarse. What should I use?"

NELL B.

Try a combination of pore cream and astringent oil. Both can be found at any good cosmetic counter. Blend well, one-quarter cream and three-quarters of the oil, heat and beat before your bath. A tiny bit can be used under powder unless it looks oily. In that case, add more of the pore cream.

Minute Makeup

by GABRIELLE



What's New, you ask! Chains and everything that glitters, for your neck and your wrists. Long, lo-n-g gloves, shepherds crooks for umbrella handles. And these umbrellas are in "complexion" Rose and Violet-Mauve! Fancy pocketbooks and dressy big bags slung over the shoulders. And the bags now have a pin to hold them securely.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Mother buys the stupidest hats—they don't look bad on her, but they're never young enough for me to borrow!"

Young Art Student's Disappearance Still An Unsolved Mystery

The melting snows of Vermont's rugged Green Mountains may reveal the secret of New England's greatest modern mystery—the disappearance of Paula Welden, a sophomore student at swanky Bennington College.

With the vanishing away of the snows, search is being resumed for the 18-year-old, blue-eyed blonde who was last seen on December 1 last along the route to Long Trail, a wilderness road that dwindles into a path on its course to Canada.

Experienced men, wise in the ways of the woods, and untrained college boys and girls beat the brush for several weeks after Paula vanished while on a casual Sunday afternoon walk, but at best the search was hasty and not too well-organized because of the onset of winter. Heavy snows finally forced abandonment of the search.

Despite the efforts of investigators augmented by imported detectives, all that is known is that Paula disappeared after hopping out of Louis Knapp's automobile in front of his home several miles from Long Trail.

Knapp, the last known person to have seen the young art student, told authorities he was driving his car past Bennington College shortly after 3 p.m. on December 1 when he was hailed by Paula just beyond the college gate.

Last Remarks

When Knapp arrived at his home, he said, he stopped the car and the girl alighted with the remark: "Thanks, that's swell."

SNAKIE-BOY WAS LIFE OF THE PARTY

Clifford Pope says the only way to learn about a snake is to live with one. He does.

He keeps a six-foot python in a box beside the furnace in his home. It is quite a pet, he says. It feeds out of his hand and is partly housebroken.

His 11-year-old son, Whitney, calls the python Snake-boy. Whitney likes to let Snake-boy exercise on the living room floor. Snake-boy likes it too, Pope says.

"We had a birthday celebration," Pope says, "and Snake-boy was the life of the party."

Pope is curator of reptiles at the Chicago Natural History Museum. The python was sent to the museum from Burma, where a surprised mess cook found it under a sugar barrel.

"After a few weeks," Pope says, "I took the python to my home because there the temperature can be controlled day and night."

Don't Know The Answers

Besides, he says, even snake experts don't know all the answers about snakes, and he wanted to study one daily under favorable conditions.

Some of these questions are: How fast do giant snakes grow? How long does it take them to grow up? How long do they live? How much can they learn? How do they crawl? How much do they weigh?

Snake-boy was less than three feet long when found in October 1945. Now he is six feet one inch long and weighs about three pounds eight ounces.

Some pythons, Pope says, grow to a length of more than 30 feet. "Because snakes are cold-blooded they require little food and infrequent meals," Pope says.

"Snake-boy has been put on a diet of a few mice or a small rat every week. 'Sometimes captive reptiles get the worst of a battle with a rat, apparently because life in confinement robs them of their natural aggressiveness,'" United Press.

THREAT TO 3,000,000 INDIANS

The discovery of a new synthetic resin in the United States to replace lac has brought the Indian shellac industry face to face with a severe crisis, and is threatening the incomes of more than 3,000,000 Indian families.

The United States has been using half to two-thirds of the annual Indian output of 40,000 to 50,000 tons of raw lac, chiefly for the manufacture of phonograph records.

The United States is now producing records from synthetic resins of plastics. Indian observers said if the shellac industry in India is to survive two remedies are necessary: to lower the price of shellac and to carry on research at shellac for the manufacture of records which are unbreakable and free from surface noise.

"Any complacency on the part of the trade resulting in attempts to secure high prices will mean practical destruction of the industry," the sources said.

The annual value of Indian shellac export ranges from \$1,500,000 to \$7,500,000. Official figures place the number of workers employed in converting crude lac into purified shellac at 30,000, and the number of families who rely on lac for their income at more than 3,000,000. Associated Press.



THEY LIKE LONDON IN MAY

Miss Jane Adelle have visited London in May, which they have been doing since 1900. But London without its springtime has been a draw, too—and so this was their 54th trip from America.

Miss JANE SEWALL and Miss ADELLE RAWSON may be biased in London's favour, because they come from Boston, which prides itself on being the most English of American cities.

"If we couldn't live in Boston," mused Miss Jane, "then we'd live right here in London," finished Miss Adelle.

Yates had been there to meet them with the same friendly grin. Yates comes from Chiswick and has driven them round England ever since the first war.

Yates said things weren't so bad if you kept your pecker up. They believe in Yates and share his philosophy.

Warnings

Back home they had been warned that they would either freeze or starve. So they packed two hot-water bottles and a suitcase full of food.

They brought along soap and towels and a pair of bed sheets each, for, as Miss Adelle remarked: "From what we had been told, we thought we might get nothing but a blanket." "And on the floor, too," said Miss Jane.

But soap, towels and bed sheets are unpacked, the canned food has been given away.

"Our meals are rather too much for us; such big helpings," confessed Miss Adelle. "And everyone does look well."

Already these two have airmailed nearly 50 letters to America, "telling our friends the truth as we see it. They have passed with light lips the bomb-flattened spaces and talked with Londoners of the blitz. Now they declare their verdict:—

"London in May is just as lovely as ever it was. 'It's been wonderfully worth-while coming'."

NOTED FALANGISTS MADE DIPLOMATS

—FRANCO'S LATEST

A reliable Spanish source told the United Press that Generalissimo Francisco Franco, for mysterious reasons of his own, is salting Spanish diplomatic establishments in the Western Hemisphere with noted Falangists.

"Jose Lequerica is a case in point," the source said. Lequerica, who as the Spanish Ambassador to Vichy reportedly arranged the Petain capitulation to Hitler, was nominated Ambassador to the United States about two years ago. The United States refused to accept him.

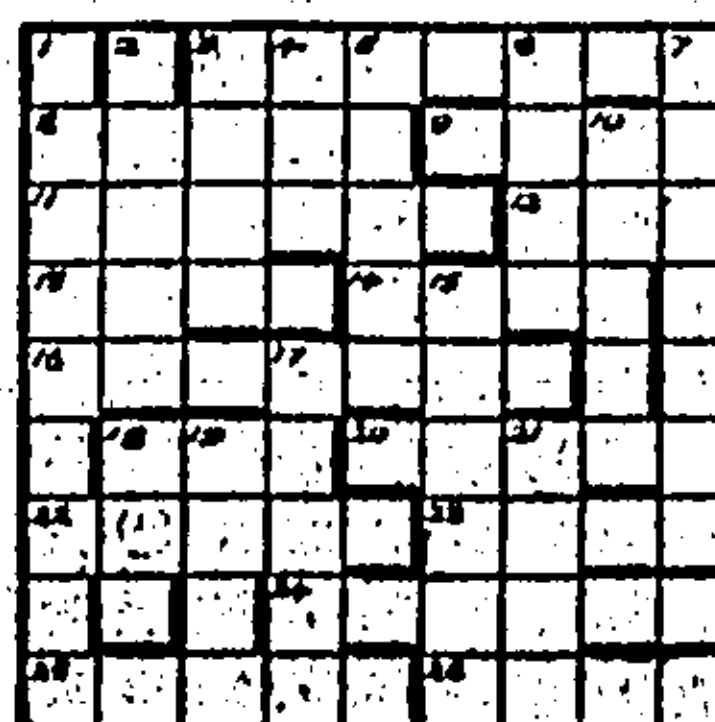
"Now Franco has named him 'Inspector General of Embassies and Consulates,' a post that never before existed and the duties of which never have been clearly explained. 'In this capacity he finally arranged for Lequerica to go to Washington. Why? I don't know,' said the source.

Lequerica has long been prominent in Falangist circles. Other noted party men are "going west." One is Jose Maria Alfaro, Minister at Bogota. He was a noted young Falangist during the epoch of Primo de Rivera. Alfaro also is said to have been an able assistant to Serrano Suner.

A third Falangist pointed out is Manuel Valdes. Valdes is said to have been nominated as Minister to Caracas. He also was well known in Falangist circles. The United Press informant said Spanish circles outside Spain are at a loss to understand the purpose of naming such noted "anti-democratic" figures to democratic posts, although it may be an attempt to counter the recent anti-Falangist attitudes in the Western Hemisphere.

In this connection, Moscow Radio reported recently a Tass dispatch which said Venezuela was considering pushing anti-Franco action by UNO, as were other Latin-American countries.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. A chon is in curl (saw).
2. This man is from Nire. (6)
3. This game needs horse sense. (6)
4. The period you wait the same as sun. (6)
5. Penny short or payable up. (6)
6. Bully hero of Kismet. (6)
7. The lowest tide. (6)
8. The lowest tide. (6)
9. The lowest tide. (6)
10. The lowest tide. (6)

Down
1. He's a devil for dates. (9)
2. Chips may be done if red this. (9)
3. Medicine is often taken in this form. (9)
4. Milk route for a carrier. (9)
5. German River. (9)
6. Provide piece of furniture to provide the capital. (9)
7. See 5 Across. (9)
8. See 5 Across. (9)
9. Correspond. (9)
10. Did Noah put it in the parking place? (9)
11. He proves that the bag gets open. (9)
12. Whump. (9)

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NEW CUNARD LINERS

Orders for two new Cunarders, the cost of which will run into millions, can be expected in the near future, writes an Evening Standard reporter.

The two ships have already been put "on the drawing board" by Cunard-White Star draughtsmen. They will be ships of about 20,000 tons and are intended for service on the Liverpool-Canada-United States route.

They will be replacements for big Cunard vessels lost during the war. These losses are still seriously restricting the passenger services which used to operate from Liverpool.

These new ships probably represent "the next building programme" referred to recently by Mr. F. A. Bates, Chairman of the Cunard Steamship Co.

It can be fairly confidently predicted that the Clyde will get one ship. The other order is likely to go to the big Belfast yards.

AVAK THE FAITH HEALER AND THE VINTNER'S SON

Palm Springs, Cal. June 2. A millionaire vintner's seven-bedroom home, with a huge swimming pool, has become the scene for attempts by Avak Hagopian, bearded young American faith healer, to cure the wine producer's invalid son.

The estate of the father, Krekor Arakelian, an immigrant Armenian who came to California and turned grapes into a fortune he estimates at US\$10,000,000, is known as "Dream of the Desert". There his son, Vaughn Arakelian, 37, ill with epilepsy and related ailments since he was struck by a motor bus as a nine-year-old boy, lies unaware of the forthcoming ministrations of Avak, a 20-year-old uneducated mechanic who reputedly has effected miraculous cures by prayer alone.

Avak arrived in Los Angeles after a 10,000-mile plane trip from Cairo, financed by the elder Arakelian, who said he has spent US\$250,000 in unsuccessful efforts to heal his son.

Another son, Dhiran, said that if Avak cures Vaughn "my father will build a memorial in the form of a faith healing centre open to the people of the world."

The family, which has connections virtually throughout the world, first read of Avak a year ago and sent a London agent to Iran to investigate, then sent for Avak after being satisfied about the validity of his cures.

"I have seen other cases similar to his, many cases undoubtedly worse, and I am sure I can cure him," said Avak when he arrived at the Los Angeles airport.

The Armenian, with piercing black eyes, long hair and a silky beard, was wearing a hood and a cap fastened at the throat with two large silver engraved pins. He was also wearing blue serge trousers and green suede shoes.

A member of Avak's party, Colonel Sumbat Yechiazarian, Iranian Army officer and a doctor, said the healer has effected many cures in Iran.

"I examined the patients before and after the treatment," said the colonel. "All he does is to touch the patient, then he says a prayer on his behalf and asks the patient to think and believe in the prayer as spoken. As a medical man I will vouch for these cures. They are authentic. Whatever he is doing is through the inspiration of God."

Avak has a six month visa for his American trip, and Arakelian said he hopes that he can stay here at least that long.—Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE REPORTED READY TO JOIN CAMPAIGNS IN GREECE

Athens, June 2. The Greek authorities are understood to have reports that the first elements of an international brigade formed in France and Italy to aid Leftist campaigns in Greece has arrived at the Yugo-Slav port of Split.

The Communist Party newspaper, Rizospastis, over a month ago published a story from Paris, saying such a brigade had been formed. The story has been repeated several times since. Now the Greek General Staff, Government and military officials are reported to have received word that a brigade has been actually formed along the lines of that which fought the Spanish Civil War.

ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO WEAR SILK

Washington, June 2. The government is trying to resell American women into wearing silk. Its motives are not to make the ladies look more beautiful but to reduce the costs of occupying Japan and ease the threat of a cotton surplus in this country.

The United States Commercial Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which has the job of selling Japanese raw silk here, plans to launch a big promotion programme to win over women. To do this, it is counting on the help of Paris fashion designers as well as major American designers to put across some advantages of silk which were lost sight of during the war.

Since July 1946, when the company started selling Japanese silk, it sold 31,231 bales for \$25,000,000. This is only a drop in the bucket compared to 34,000 bales used here in 1939. The company, which has 50,000 bales on hand and an available supply of 75,000, would like to sell a lot more.

Proceeds from the sales do not go back to the Japanese but are turned over to the War Department after deductions for expenses and applied against the costs of occupation.—United Press.

Up-to-the-Minute Sports News: BELGIUM ELIMINATED IN DAVIS CUP

Brussels, June 2. Yugo-Slavia won the final two singles today and defeated Belgium four rubbers to one to enter the European Zone semi-final of the Davis Cup.

Their next opponents will be South Africa.

Today's results were: D. Milt beat P. Gecchione 6/0, 6/3, 6/4. J. Pallada beat P. Washer 6/3, 6/2, 6/0.—Reuter.

FA PROPOSALS

London, June 2. The proposal to the International Board that in international soccer matches substitutes should be permitted up to the 42nd minutes of the game for not more than two injured players received unanimous support at the annual general meeting of the Football Association today.

Another F.A. proposal for the International Board is to amend the law regarding goal kicks so that all players of the attacking side must remain outside the penalty area as the kick is being taken, instead of the present 10-yard rule.—Reuter.

RUGBY RESULT

London, June 2. In a Rugby League game played this evening, Rochdale Hornets defeated Huddersfield by eight points to seven.—Reuter.

MAJOR BALL LEADERS

New York, June 3.

Major league leaders are:

National League

Batting: Mize (New York) .370;

Walker (Philadelphia) .352;

Runs: Mize, 42; Thomson (New York) 34.

Runs batted in: Torgeson (Boston) 30; Mize, 35.

Hits: Baymohltz (Cincinnati) 52;

Mize and Slaughter (St. Louis) 50;

Home runs: Mize, 14; Miller (Cincinnati) 10.

Stolen bases: Torgeson, 7; Haas (Cincinnati) and Robinson (Brooklyn) 6.

Strike outs: Blackwell (Cincinnati) 40; Branca (Brooklyn) 42.

Pitching: Sparr (Boston) eight and zero; Hayting, New York, four and zero.

American League

Batting: McQuinn (New York) .364;

DiMaggio (New York) .352;

Runs: Keller (New York) 35;

Williams (Boston) 31;

Runs batted in: Keller, 35;

Williams and DiMaggio, 29.

Hits: DiMaggio (St. Louis) 52;

Keller (Detroit) and Kennedy (Chicago) 40.

Home runs: Keller, 13; Williams, 11.

Stolen bases: Dillinger, 11; Philley (Chicago) 6.

Strike outs: Newhouse (Detroit) 71; Feller (Cleveland) 63.

Pitching: Hutchinson (Detroit) and Shea (New York) five and one.

Average .333.—Associated Press.

HUNGARIAN POLITICS

Britain Awaiting Developments

London, June 2.

The British Government may consult with the United States Government on the question of Anglo-American intervention with the Soviet Government on the subject of the Hungarian political developments in consequence of further factual reports received from a British political representative in Budapest, Mr. A. K. Helm, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The British Government is still waiting to receive information on the evidence in support of the accusations brought by the Soviet authorities against the newly-resigned Hungarian Premier, Ferenc Nagy, leading to the resignation of the Cabinet and the formation of a new government.

Until this information is available, the validity of the accusations cannot be judged, and no step has yet been taken.

It is expected that Britain will request a report on the subject from the Soviet authorities in Budapest, as provided for in the Allied Commission statute in cases where one of its tripartite Control Commission for Hungary has information of interest to the others.

Commenting on the reconstruction of the Hungarian Government, the spokesman said that as far as the British Government is concerned, it would be judged from reports received so far, the change in government would seem to be perfectly constitutional.—Reuter.

National Assembly Called

Budapest, June 2.

A special session of the National Assembly to debate new elections was set today by the Ministers Council for June 10.

The Ministers Council will meet on June 9 to approve the final draft of election and other legislation which the new premier, Lajos Dimnyes, will present in his inaugural speech.

Father Istvan Balogh, Secretary General of the Smallholders Party and State Secretary, said today that he was resigning both positions for "reasons of health" but would remain in the former post if the Party desired.

Political observers thought it unlikely Dimnyes would retain Balogh, recalling that a week before ex-premier Ferenc Nagy's resignation, Dimnyes made a speech in favour of nationalization of banks, which Balogh publicly opposed.—United Press.

Pest Threatens Cotton Crop

Cairo, June 2.

About 1,200,000 acres of Egypt's total cotton cultivated area of 1,800,000 acres have been affected by a "devastating" cotton worm attack, a Ministry of Agriculture official disclosed here tonight.

It was the worst attack in a quarter of a century, he said.

The cotton worm, it was stated, had infested all the cultivated areas in Lower Egypt and moving southwards in Upper Egypt, had tonight reached Assiut.

The attack was "taking on very serious proportions," and the Ministry of Agriculture were using every possible means at its disposal to fight the worm but the shortage of labour in Lower Egypt was said to be seriously hampering the campaign.—Reuter.

Dyak Autonomous State In West Borneo

Batavia, June 2. The Netherlands East Indies Government has approved in principle the formation of another autonomous territory in Dutch Borneo to be called Greater Dyak Territory.

A draft statute similar to the one signed last month with East Borneo, granting that territory its own government and an ultimate place in the United States of Indonesia, is expected to be ready within one month.

Trygve Lie Cannot See War Ahead

Lake Success, June 2.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, in a speech broadcast to Switzerland in connection with the Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce, said that no large-scale war is possible in the foreseeable future, but that the world's greatest danger was the possibility that it would fall to give the needy nations relief in time.

Lie conceded: "The political situation is not as pleasant as we would like to see it, and we are living and working in a post-war period of disturbance, politically, economically and socially."

He said as long as the major peace treaties remained unsigned, the international situation would remain disturbed, and added: "The hope of agreement must never be lost. I reject completely the view that another large scale war is possible in the foreseeable future. I am certain that the peoples of the world would not allow such a catastrophe to occur. There are, it is true, difficulties and frictions between governments but I have no doubt that on the crucial question of peace or war there is no difference of view whatever among member governments of the United Nations."

The greatest danger is the danger of economic and social disorganization and progressive misery for the masses of mankind. For some time to come it will be necessary for nations which can do so to help other nations which are in distress. Above all, this relief must be given in good time.—United Press.

EMPIRE NOT DISSOLVING

Des Moines, Iowa, June 2.

Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States, said today that anyone who believes that the British Empire is dissolving is wrong.

He said: "This Commonwealth is the first example of the United Nations organization that each part of it is willing to forego some of its sovereignty for common good."

"The fact there is 'widespread misunderstanding' as to the Empire's status and that many believe it is dissolving. But, Lord Inverchapel added, 'they are wrong'."

Lord Inverchapel spoke before a meeting of the Middle Institute of International Relations. He said no legal compulsion ever would keep such an organization as the British Commonwealth together.

He said: "That was proved in 1776. Our Commonwealth exists in the virtue of belief—the belief in the essential of liberty and respect for the dignity of man."—United Press.

THE DERBY (Continued From Page 1)

ther offered, 15 to 1 taken. 100 to 6 Blue Train, taken and offered, 18 to 1 Migoli offered, 20 to 1 taken and won. 33 to 1 Merry Quip aken and offered, 33 to 1 Tite Street and Saravan offered, 40 to 1 Cadit offered, 40 to 1 taken and won. 40 to 1 Fardisen and Combat, both offered, 50 to 1 Pearl Diver taken and offered, 68 to 1 Fire-master offered, 200 to 1 any others offered.

Special place betting: 4 to 9 Tudor Minstrel, 5 to 4 Sayajirao, 100 to 30 Grand Weather, 7 to 2 Migoli.

Tudor Minstrel is now even money chance and Migoli is backed to win £20,000. These were the features of today's callover. At the previous callover last Friday bookmakers refused to lay Tudor Minstrel at 11 to 10 on. There were few takers at even money today, the weakening being due to the run on Migoli, Cadit, Blue Train and Grand Weather.

Migoli, owned by the Aga Khan, opened 20 to 1 and he was still in demand at that price after being backed to win £20,000, but the odds against him were cut to 15 to 1, being the result of a £100,000 bet. Although Blue Train was laid to lose £20,000 he remained steady at 100 to 5.

Sayajirao and Pearl Diver were each backed to win £24,000. The next callover will be held on Wednesday.

The King and Queen and the two Princesses are to watch the Derby on Saturday. They will travel to Epsom by train from London.—Reuter.

It will be signed after the Netherlands Commission General has visited the area.

The Greater Dyak Territory comprises 180,000 square kilometres east of West Borneo, including a strip of South Borneo coastline. Its population of 220,000 includes former head-hunting tribes. The capital of the territory will be Kuala Kapuas.—Reuter.

The present unsatisfactory situation in Indonesia will be solved "in another way" if the Republic Government's reply to the Dutch note, proposing a Federal Interim Government and demanding co-operation in restoring order, is not favourable, according to a communiqué issued tonight by the Netherlands Government Information Service.

The Dutch Government will continue to regard the Linggadjati agreement as a guide to its foreign policy, however, the communiqué added.—Reuter.

The Dutch Cabinet would be ready to reduce the strength of its armed forces "on grounds of reciprocity" if the Republic Government accepted the note "as may be reasonably expected," the communiqué added.—Reuter.

Indonesian Consultations

Batavia, June 2.

Four Republican Cabinet ministers had to break off their inspection tour of Sumatra and return to Jogjakarta via Batavia to attend the Republican Cabinet session.

Rome Affairs Minister Mohammed Roem, who headed the Sumatra trip, told the Dutch news agency, Anclat, today that he and the other Ministers were at Sintang, Sumatra's east coast, when they got word from Jogjakarta that their presence was required for discussion of the Commission General's note to the Indonesian delegation.

The Republicans are given a fortnight to accept or reject the contents of the note, which recapitulate the discussions on implementation of the Linggadjati agreement and contain further proposals which would be the last word on implementation of the agreement.

Meanwhile, discussions on the memorandum of understanding have been postponed pending these Ministers' arrival today. A Cabinet decision is not expected before Wednesday evening.

The agency correspondent reported from Jogjakarta that copies of the memorandum were distributed, in considerable numbers, in Jogjakarta among the numerous political leaders, including youth leaders and trade unionists, to enable them to consult on the ultimate Dutch standpoint.

Provisional reactions in circles not connected with the government show that the grave responsibility lying on the government should they come to a decision is fully realised.—United Press.

TRANSFER OF INDIA

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withdrawal a day earlier than that laid down.

According to present arrangements the world may hear tomorrow the key decisions of the Delhi conference. The Viceroy is expected to broadcast at 7 p.m. (Delhi time) a message which will be followed by his statement.

Simultaneously with this announcement, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will inform the House of Commons and the Secretary of State for India, Lord Listowel, the House of Lords.

These arrangements are contingent upon the progress of the conference.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Air Mail and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:

Tuesday, June 3

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

Bangkok, Swatow (Sea) 2 p.m.

Straits (Sea) 2 p.m.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.

U.S.A. Central and South America and Canada (Sea) 3 p.m.

Kongmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.

Macao, Timor, Hong Kong (Sea) 4 p.m.

Canton (Train) 5 p.m.

Singapore, Sourabaya & Colombo (Air) 5.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Peiping, Canton, Kweilin, Chungking, Swatow and Amoy (Air) 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

Manila, Honolulu, Oakland, New York, Vancouver and Toronto (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Holoh and Bangkok (Sea) 8.30 a.m.

Manila P.I. (Sea) noon.

Shanghai (Sea) noon.

Canton (Train) 1.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Peiping, Swatow, Amoy, Canton and Fochow (Air) 2.30 p.m.

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Fight On, Urges Viet Namh Head

Saigon, June 2.

Dr Ho Chi-minh, the Viet Namh President, last night broadcast an appeal, over the Annamite-controlled radio at Bachmal, to Viet Namh forces to continue active resistance throughout Indo-China.

Dr Ho Chi-minh also urged his troops—now reported to number over 100,000—to follow a "code of conduct" by which they would show clemency and humanity to prisoners and help and protection to the people generally.

"Comrades, observe perfect discipline and always act as if the enemy is everywhere," he added.—Reuter.

NEW GERMAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Berlin, June 2.

From June 10, 40,000,000 Germans, through popularly elected representatives will assume the final share in the responsibility for the economic rehabilitation of the two major western occupation zones.

The text of the Anglo-American agreement for the creation of an Economic Council, issued today, shows that German representatives—about 54 in all, chosen by the provincial governments on a proportional basis—will now be able to issue orders through the new Council.

Individual states now operating more or less independently of each other as they please will in future have to comply with these orders.

The German Executive Committee, with German executive directors in each department, is charged with seeing that these directives are carried out. Imprisonment up to five years and fines up to 100,000 marks are the main penalties for Germans who refuse to obey the directives.

Allied Supervision

The new Council and its subordinate agencies all come within the supervision of the British and American military governments at varying levels, but for the first time Germans themselves may have a big voice in the economic planning of their own industries so far as the western zones are concerned.

At the highest level of the Allied supervision are the military governments or their deputies, forming a bipartite board which will "review and approve the ordinances and decisions of the Economic Council, issue instructions to the Economic Council and the executive committee and exercise overall control of operations of the entire administrative organisation."—Reuter.

BERT AMBROSE FINED £2000

London, June 3.

Bert Ambrose, one of Britain's top dance band leaders was fined £2,000 and £200 costs at a magistrate's court in London yesterday for currency offences involving £250 relating to cheques issued in favour of "an unknown person" in the south of France last summer.

Ambrose, who admitted the offences, cashed the cheques for francs in violation of Britain's stringent regulations concerning money spent abroad by Britons.

The band leader is well known at French Riviera resorts.—Associated Press.

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Palestine Policy Sabotage

MR BEVIN
ACCUSED

Paris, June 2.

Dr Moshe Sneh, member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency, charged today that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, was determined to "sabotage" any United Nations decision on Palestine contrary to his own policy.

Dr Sneh levelled the accusation against Mr Bevin in an address before the National Conference of the French Zionist organisation now in session in Paris.

"We have every reason to believe," Dr Sneh said, "that Mr Bevin hopes to obtain from the United Nations sanction of his policy, and that he proposes to sabotage any decision not conforming to this policy, just as he sabotaged the decisions of the Anglo-American Commission."

—United Press.

United Nations Committee

Lake Success, June 2.

The United Nations Palestine Committee, meeting informally today, decided unanimously that the question of whether the Committee should visit displaced persons camps in Europe will be decided in Palestine.

The Committee also decided that the 15 organisations which had expressed a desire to testify before the Committee here should submit statements in writing and the Committee would then decide whether to give them a hearing.

The chairman of the Committee will be elected at an open session. According to an informal meeting, Justice Sandstrom of Sweden is at the head of the list of possible candidates, with Latin Americans, a close second.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 5.20 to 7.45 p.m. and on 953 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 10.00 p.m.

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